

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Andy Harris
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Agriculture,
Rural Development, FDA, &
Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Agriculture,
Rural Development, FDA, &
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Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop:

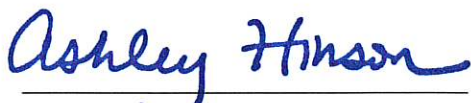
As you craft the fiscal year 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, and FDA, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$1,000,000 for the Eldora Water and Wastewater Improvement Project as a community project funding request through the Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Water and Waste Disposal Grants account. The intended recipient is the City of Eldora, located at 1442 Washington Street, Eldora, Iowa 50627.

This project would drastically improve the resiliency of water and wastewater infrastructure in Eldora, a small town of 2,663 residents in located in Hardin County, Iowa. The city's currently water infrastructure is outdated, leaving its families and businesses at risk. Specifically, the City's Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems have been discontinued by the manufacturer, leading to significant challenges in obtaining replacement parts. Without functioning SCADA systems, these facilities must be monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to ensure system compliance as a result. This funding will allow the city to modernize its SCADA systems to allow for better efficiency within the facility, improve the city's ability to meet clean water standards, and reduce the risk of serious disruptions to the community's water supply caused by broken parts.

With these funds, Eldora will be able to replace the discontinued components of the SCADA systems. Additionally, it will allow replacement of old waste sludge pumps, rerouting of existing piping to prevent freezing, and installation of new equipment to monitor oxidation reduction potential. These improvements will be critical to the resiliency of the city's water system that supports over 1,000 households, nearly 100 businesses, and 3 schools. This project has garnered significant support from the community and will facilitate further economic growth in the years to come.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community project funding request in the FY24 Agriculture, Rural Development, and FDA, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Hinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Ashley Hinson

Member of Congress

Committee on Appropriations